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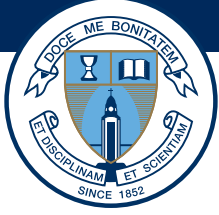
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## “... thankful for the many blessings...”

Dear Alumni,

This issue of the *Blue Banner* comes at a time when St. Michael's College School is marking a number of milestones.

First and foremost, we have recently completed and opened our Centre for the Arts with its 440 seat theatre. For the first time in our 158 year history we will have a proper venue for our famous musical productions as well as music concerts, dramatic productions and Italian plays. Theatre experts have told us that this is the finest facility of its size in the City of Toronto, and we are confident that it will serve our school and our community for decades to come.

We also celebrate the graduation of one of the finest classes in the history of SMCS. I have had the good fortune of knowing these boys throughout most of their time at St. Mike's and they really are an outstanding group of young men. As moderator of the student government and as an active participant in our Outdoor Education Programme, I can testify to the tremendous leadership of this class. Many of these grads will make their mark in all fields of endeavor and in the life of our country and Church.

Finally, this edition marks the final effort of **Joe Younder '56** as the editor-in-chief of the *Blue Banner*. Joe graciously agreed to take on the important work of re-inventing the *Blue Banner* a few years ago and he has done a marvelous job. I first met Joe in 1965 when he was running Pro-Con Forum debates. His kindness and concern for his own students and those from other schools impressed me greatly as I was in Grade 9 at Michael Power. Over the years, Joe has been one of my heroes of Catholic education and having him involved with the *Blue Banner* has been a real blessing. We thank him for his service and know that he will continue to be involved at St. Mike's.

May we always be thankful for the many blessings we experience as members of the St. Michael's community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B.  
President & CEO





“...continuing to evolve while preserving our rich history and tradition...”

It is with great pride and honour that I write to you as the President of the St. Michael's College School Alumni Association. I follow in the footsteps of many St. Michael's men who have dedicated themselves in supporting the mission and mandate of the school while ensuring that our alumni association remains strong and relevant. I offer a special note of thanks to all the previous Presidents, most notably **Romeo Milano '80**, my predecessor, whose commitment to the St. Michael's community is unquestionably one of dedication, and I look forward to his continued contributions.

As the school and our alumni association move into a new decade, I find myself looking to the past. In truth, alumni associations are very much based on their celebration of the past. Our shared experience at St. Michael's gives the many thousands of us a unique common bond that allows us to share stories, reconnect, and build businesses and friendships throughout our lives. This deep rooting in our common history must be balanced by the fact that all things do evolve and change. This is certainly the case with St. Michael's College School.

Many of us remark wistfully, or even negatively, that the school has changed so much since “I went there”. This can however, be seen as a positive development. A state of the art sports complex, music, science and arts facilities, ensure that St. Michael's and the Basilian Fathers can continue to fulfill their mandate of turning boys into St. Michael's men. These changes also guarantee that a St. Michael's education is as valuable as it ever was. The other change that is much talked about is the cost to attend St. Michael's College School. I was fortunate, like thousands before me, to have my education largely subsidized by the Basilian Fathers. The reality is, that the Basilians who supported us in this way for over a century, are no longer in the position to do so. The end result is that for a young man to attend St. Michael's now, it demands a significant financial commitment. Annual tuition is approximately \$15,000. This cost makes it prohibitive for many outstanding young Catholic men. In many cases, these students are first generation Canadians, who historically, St. Michael's has always welcomed, and from which its rich history has developed. This shared tradition is in part responsible for the countless success stories that we can all point to and that are highlighted regularly in the *Blue Banner*.

I am now calling on the alumni to carry the torch that is being passed to you by the Basilian Fathers. After more than 150 years, we have a wonderful opportunity to guarantee that the most deserving young men in our community will have the opportunity to attend St. Michael's. This is one tangible way that we all can ensure that the school continues to evolve while preserving our rich history and tradition. The St. Michael's College School Bursary Programme provides an opportunity to support these young men. It is now our turn to build on these efforts, to continue the mission of the Basilian Fathers, and to set the foundation for the St. Michael's community in the years to come.

For more information on the St. Michael's College School Bursary Programme please contact the Advancement Office at 416-653-4483 or visit [www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com](http://www.stmichaelscollegeschool.com).

I look forward to hearing from you about how the alumni association can best serve you and how you can best serve it. Our board meetings are open to all members and schedules and agendas are posted online.

Joshua Colle '92  
President SMCS Alumni Association

“... the young guys  
can go on forever, but  
when you’re older, you  
know where to go...”

– Peter Forsberg, (Team Sweden)



I have been looking around for such words to announce that this is my last *Blue Banner*. It's a tough call but someone once told me, know when to leave and do so on your own terms and with no regrets.

Without question, these last four years have been most rewarding in memory and service working with the Communications and Advancement Offices and connecting with the alumni at large.

However, I now feel I should pass on the role of editorship to younger pens and minds more in tune with the new generation of graduates.

There are many people to thank: first Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B. whose leadership and direction have given me the freedom and challenge in developing the St. Michael's philosophy within the pages of the *Blue Banner*. I cannot dismiss my association with [Mike De Pellegrin '94](#), who is not only the co-editor, but also the force behind the publication. His technicality, insights, sensitivity, gentle persuasion and overall guidance, have gone to produce, what I feel, is a quality magazine. Working with Kimberley Bailey, Stephanie Nicholls, Gina Cramarossa and Hanieh Mokhtari, has been a lesson in professional protocol, office management and cooperation. Their meticulous research and accommodation have made them invaluable contributors to the *Blue Banner*.

I must thank Dan Prendergast, the initial force who encouraged me to assume the role of editor. His 50 year friendship and continued service to the school have been a strong factor in my return.

Thanks also, to you the grads who through your response and encouragement have given the magazine its life.

And what have I learned during my four year shift? I have come to realize that to ignore the facts does not change the facts; that there are three sides to every story; that when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere, and that reaching out to graduates can meet with unimaginable results.

And what do I believe for the continued success of St. Michael's? I believe that once you become a student at St. Michael's College School, regardless of time spent, you are an alumnus for life, and belong to a family that embraces staff, parents and volunteers. I believe that leadership is about communication, focus and people helping people who alone can cause success. I believe that we become our choices, that "values and ethics," to quote General Rick Hillier, "are articulated by one's actions. These are a few of my favourite things."

St. Michael's and all things St. Michael will continue to remain a strong attraction and commitment in my way of life.

My shift is over. There are other games to play. I know where to go.

Sincerely,

Joe Younder '56  
Editor, *Blue Banner*



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I read with interest [Joshua Colle's '92](#) article in the Fall, 2009 Blue Banner on the history of football at St. Michael's College School. He makes reference to a St. Michael's student, [Andrew P. Finan, 1864](#) introducing the first football to Canada in 1860.

As a student at the Bay St. school in the 1940's, I discovered some research on [Andrew P. Finan](#) in the 1913 St. Michael's Thurable. I felt Blue Banner readers might like the full story of the birth of the first Canadian football being played at St. Michael's as outlined in the Thurable.

"Andy" Finan was a ruddy cheeked Irish lad, with laughing blue eyes, who came from Ireland and landed in Toronto in 1859. The following year, he registered at St. Mike's with the intention of entering the priesthood. The new arrival soon became the life of the school but found it boring without his native sports. Recalling his playing days with Irish village boys and football, Andy decided to make his own football. According to observers he made several mysterious visits through the surrounding fields to some 'town stores', at what are now, Yonge and Bloor Streets.

The 1923 Thurable records the rest as history: "One beautiful sunny afternoon in May, Finan came out to the St. Mike's campus and with much ceremony, unfolded before the admiring gaze of all, an inflated bull's bladder covered with leather, a perfectly ideal football." The ball had been made by William Guinans, then one of Toronto's best known shoe dealers. The Thurable goes on to record: "True the football caused much trouble and disappointment because it was very difficult to keep inflated, but it afforded probably more pleasure than any other football used in Ontario since. You can remember "Andy" as the "father" of football in Ontario."

Andy Finan persevered in his vocation and became a priest at the Catholic Church in Pickering, Ontario. It is interesting to note that Wikipedia reports: "The first game of rugby in Canada is generally said to have taken place in Montreal in 1865 when British Army officers played local civilians. The game gradually gained a following and the Montreal football club was formed in 1868, the first recorded football club in Canada." However, it would appear that according

to our 1913 records, [Andy Finan](#) produced the first football and played the first game of football at St. Michael's College in 1860, five years before the first recorded game in Montreal.

[Paul Harris '45](#)

Dear Editor,

Great job on the latest issue, Volume 7, Fall 2009. The cover of [Fr. Hugh Foley, C.S.B. '42](#) and [Fr. Brian Higgins, C.S.B. '45](#) at Homecoming, 2009, was touching and a witness to the solid longevity and commitment of graduates from all walks of life. I am continually surprised and delighted to run into alumni who speak of their positive experiences and the bonds forged while at St. Mike's.

[Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '57](#)

Dear Editor,

I read with interest and certainly fond memories of [Joshua Colle's '92](#) article A History of Football at SMCS. It mentioned my dad, [Cam MacLellan '46](#), a proud graduate and friend of St. Mike's. However, I felt that there should have been some reference made to [Fr. Brian Higgins, C.S.B. '45](#) whose picture was on the Blue Banner cover. He and my dad were childhood friends from elementary school and played football together at St. Mike's. After that, my dad began coaching with [Fr. Brian](#) at the school and I must say, together they made a great team. As a young boy, having my heart set on one day going to St. Mike's, I remember the stories told by Fr. Whelan, C.S.B., [Fr. Flanagan, C.S.B. '32](#) and [Fr. Higgins, C.S.B.](#) Then, when I attended St. Mike's, [Fr. Brian](#) and Fr. Mulcahy, C.S.B. coached the first freshman team as a St. Mike's entry into the TDCAA. We won the city championship that year. Football, and the friends and coaches I met at St. Mike's have made a lasting impression on me. Thank you though for thinking of my father. He was a great football coach at St. Mike's and a great dad who loved the school very much as did all the players and coaches.

[Cam MacLellan Jr. '75](#)

**Editor's note:** Thank you Cam for making us aware of this. Many players can proudly recall the spiritual, educational and athletic contribution and influence made by your dad, [Fr. Brian Higgins, C.S.B.](#) and countless others.

# Alumni Chapters

*It has long been the Alumni Association's intent to establish Alumni Chapters. We realize that many grads do meet and associate with one another through work and play. We would like to be informed of your gatherings so that others may be brought together to share their time at St. Michael's with you. We are looking for grads to organize alumni chapters in your region. We can provide you with contact information. Call Gina Cramarossa at 416-653-3180 x 458 or e-mail [cramarossa@smcsmail.com](mailto:cramarossa@smcsmail.com).*

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**Robert Lepone '87** is in the process of establishing himself as a European Asset Manager focusing on distressed and high yield credit based in London. Robert resigned from Morgan Stanley in 2009, where he was a Managing Director and Head of Distressed and Leveraged Credit Trading in Europe, having joined in 2002. Prior to joining Morgan Stanley, he worked in High Yield Capital Markets and Loan Syndications at TD Securities, London, beginning in 1999. Robert came to London from Toronto, where he had qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and is a member of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

## **We are pleased to welcome Vito Culmone '83 as our Alberta alumni contact:**

Vito is a VP and CFO with WestJet Airlines and has lived in Calgary for three years. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Michael, 15 and Emily, 12. He looks forward in hearing from alumni.





## A Farewell Tribute to Joe Brisbois '67

*With the appointment of **Joe Brisbois '67**, in 2001, St. Michael's made history in his being named the first lay Principal in its 149 year history.*

"Little did I realize as a student that I would one day return to St. Mike's as its first lay Principal," reminisces Joe. The journey has indeed been circuitous. After graduation, he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1971 from the University of Western Ontario. His first job was with *Olivetti of Canada*. Not fully content, he followed his dream and enrolled in the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto where he received both a Bachelor of Education and a Masters of Education. His career in education began in 1973 as a teacher at Britannia Secondary School in Peel. From 1975 to 1984, he worked as the Head of the Business Education Department at Cardinal Newman High School. His time in administration has included Vice Principal positions at Fr. Henry Carr High School and Mary Ward High School. He also served as Principal of Henry Carr, and in 1996 became the first lay Principal of Brebeuf College School.

During Joe Brisbois' years at St. Michael's as Principal, a focus was placed on student development in the areas of spirituality, academics, extracurricular and personal growth. Joe established a community feeling and encouraged stakeholder involvement through a number of committees in such areas as school review and planning, nutrition, spirituality, technology and speaker programmes. After consulting with parent and staff committees, a learning enrichment centre was introduced under the direction of Barbara Csenge. An outdoor education Programme was established with Bill Fifield as well as a leadership Programme with **Francesco Bazzocchi '83**. A mentorship Programme was initiated to encourage personal and professional development for staff. School reviews by the Ministry of Education and the Basilian Fathers were successfully handled by the administration and the staff under Joe's direction. As the school expanded, he encouraged the development

of a leadership course, a Spanish Programme and a new grade 12 church and culture course. Assessment and evaluation parameters were expanded to respond to Ministry requirements. A crisis response Programme was completed to allow for the effective handling of emergencies. Many areas within the school benefited from Joe's leadership. The number of clubs and activities increased, the Arts programme expanded to include the establishment of an arts week. The scope of athletics increased with additional varsity and intramural teams to respond to expanded student interest. A grade 12 retreat was established to assist students with the transition from a Catholic high school to post-secondary education. A grade 11 career day was initiated, with the assistance of **Luciano Volpe '93** and other alumni to help students with future educational and career planning. Joe looks forward to providing further service either teaching at the university level or providing educational leadership at another school.

Joe and his wife, Antoinette, are long time residents of Leaside, a short bike ride to the school. Sons, **Eddie '98** and **Michael '04** and daughter, Michele, complete the Brisbois' household. Joe's career has been one of personal satisfaction. He thanks the "Basilians, staff, administration, alumni, parents and friends of St. Michael's who have my greatest respect. It's been a pleasure working in a motivating environment."



L-R: Fr. Patrick Fulton C.S.B., Joe Brisbois '67, Terry Sheridan '89, Paul Dignan '59

## Terry Sheridan '89 Appointed Principal



**Terry Sheridan** is no stranger to St. Mike's. After graduating from York University, he taught at St. Mary's Secondary School for the Durham Regional Roman Catholic School Board from 1994-1997. He and his wife Laura, "the real success and support" behind the man and girls, Nicolette, Brianna and Kirsten, bought their first house in Whitby intending to stay in the area. Three years later, he recalls, "I entered a junior team at a St. Mike's hockey tournament and a few months later I received a call to come in for an interview with **Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48**. I guess I said the right things, and started teaching English, Geography and Religion along with coaching hockey and football."

In 2001 he was appointed Vice Principal by Fr. Dan Zorzi, C.S.B., and in January 1, 2010, was made the second lay Principal by Fr. Joe Redican, C.S.B. following in the footsteps of **Joe Brisbois '67**. In 2003, Terry received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and is currently pursuing a PhD in Educational Administration. Terry looks forward "to working with the community members of St. Michael's, to continue its proud history, further its tradition of success and provide opportunities for new growth." Terry has the distinct honour of being the first lay faculty member appointed as Principal. We wish him well.



L-R: Roberto Pietrobon '08, Mr. Sheridan, Jonathon Mason '08



Lecturing to an attentive class



# Career Day off to a Flying Start

*with Porter Airlines & Robert Deluce '68*

*For many years now, St. Michael's College School has been offering a Careers' Day for its grade 11 students contemplating careers and post secondary education. On January 21, 2010, 13 graduates returned to the school and told their stories to some 200 students. It was an opportunity to establish on-going networking contacts whereby students focusing on a particular pursuit, could seek out alumni in a similar profession. The day was headed by former Principal, **Joe Brisbois '67**, and alumni speaker coordinator, **Luciano Volpe '93** whose task it was to locate the speakers. To mark the event, the guest speaker was **Robert Deluce '68** President and CEO of Porter Airlines.*

What has to be a real account of flight in this century is that borne out of the fabled experiences of **Robert Deluce**, the savvy former bush pilot and CEO of Porter Airlines. His is indeed a tale of high-flight, adventure and perseverance. Criticized by waterfront dwellers, scolded by the mayor, battling Air Canada and attempting to bridge the Western Gap, he refuses to fly away. Porter has emerged and remains a feisty new competitor in the competitive Canadian aviation business and its chief navigator had an early start in its development

Born in Chapleau, and raised in White River and Timmins, Deluce comes from a family of Northern Ontario bush pilots. In 1966 at age 17, he got his license at the Toronto Island Airport while a student at St. Mike's. He remembers skipping out of class early some Friday afternoons to take flying lessons at the island airport. Back then, he recalls, "the stately Royal York Hotel, all 28 storeys of it, dominated the Toronto skyline." In reality, he took to the "stick" long before that. "My first recollection of flying was when I needed a cushion underneath me so I could see over the control panel," he muses. He's not the sole family flyer: brothers **Bill '67**, **Terry '69**, **Joe '72**, **Jim '74**, **Bruce '74**, and Bernie, all took to the air at an early age; some are still flying. Their late father, Stanley, who had been a fighter pilot in WWII, launched a bush operation in the isolated community of White River that would grow into *Austin Airlines*, the dominant carrier in Northern Ontario. No doubt, there are many tales that could be told of those daring flights in sun and sleet.



Of the many elements that have gone into the success of Porter Airlines, Robert was quick to point out to the students that in any endeavour, to achieve success, you need to "identify, and deliver on a unique value proposition. One must be bold but strategic." Confidence and loyalty in Porter were so high, that he was able to raise \$125.7 million from institutional equity investors of whom many are still with him. Besides building a new terminal, now flying to 11 destinations, and soon, having

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started with two planes in 2006, will have 18 planes in the air. From his pilot's position, Bob proudly points out his mission is to "firmly establish *Porter* to provide speed, convenience and service with dignity by lightening the load on the busy traveller."

And to what does he owe his success? Coming from a competitive family of nine, family unity, sound parental ethics, St. Michael's College School roll models and a strong work ethic, have gone a long way to make this aviator, who thinks beyond the clouds, but whose wheels are on the ground, a visionary in the aviation world.

His schedule is as disciplined as flying a plane. He gets up at 4 a.m., sending e-mail messages, and is often seen catching the 5:15 a.m. ferry that takes him on a 90-second ride to his island office at the recently named *Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport*. On the occasional weekend when he's not swamped with work, he still pilots his own four-seat Cessna 185 float plane to his family's Muskoka cottage.

Some, in the industry, have referred to him and his many accomplishments as "the little plane that could." And could he did.

In January, 2010, Robert received the annual CEO of the Year Award by the Canadian Public Relations Society of Toronto.

*Career Day was a success thanks to the following alumni, organizers, speakers and observers:*

**Jason Annibale '93, Robert Antenore '92, Adam Borgati '94, Adrian Capobianco '93, Jonathan Cardella '93, Don Crupi '83, Mike DeCamillis '96, Emanuele Fenili '93, Christopher Jones '99, Sean Kahn (Savage) '93, Robert Lepone '87, Joseph LoPresti '93, Enzo Sallese '88, Roland Semprie '88, John Sinopoli '94, Rino Spano '93, Luciano Volpe '93.**



Career Day speakers



Robert, at the controls





## Centre for the Arts - *BUILT ON DREAMS*

### *Martin Story*

Remember **Brian McKay '69**, Mary Long, Catherine Robbin, Mary Ellen Mahoney, **Michael Shamata '73**, **Michael McManus '74**, Sally Heit, **Dave Trafford '79**, **Claude Morrison '71**, **Chris Donnelly '02**, **John De Simini '06**? They are part of a legion of notables from the St. Michael's stage who have established themselves professionally in Canada and the United States. There have been many men and women who were part of the foundation of the Arts Programme at the school: the music concerts, the plays, the Broadway musicals and Art shows.

Records indicate that one of the first dramatic productions at the school ran from 1909 to 1910 entitled, Monthly Entertainments by the Dramatic Society. This year celebrates the centennial with Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat that ran from April 15<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. There have been one hundred and sixty one theatre productions over the last one hundred years.

Of course, we all have a tendency to honour the St. Michael's theatre alumni. However, let us never forget that most of the theatre productions, certainly from the late 1950's, would never have been staged without the participation of the young women who came from Madonna, Loretto Abbey, St. Joseph's Wellesley, St. Joseph's Morrow Park, Loretto College, Cardinal Carter School for the Arts, and the many private girls' schools such as Havergal, Bishop Strachan and, most recently, our sister school, Holy Name of Mary College School. Of the many directors of SMCS productions, one certainly stands out for his vision and contribution to the Arts. Fr. Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B. staged the school's first musical, *The Music Man*, in 1963, with John Guerriere as musical director. This was a pivotal moment in the Arts Programme. Eventually, Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.S.B. became the school's principal and through his contributions and constant encouragement,

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the Arts Programme flourished. As well, no one can forget the support of Fr. Cecil Zinger, C.S.B. and his piano accompaniment throughout the years. Two shows were eventually staged annually, a drama in the Fall and a Broadway musical in the Spring. Clemente Grassi, the director of Italian productions, has continued with what **Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48** initiated in the 1960's with one scheduled in May in the new Centre for the Arts.

Not many schools can boast of this tradition that continues today.

Many of those who have performed in our theatre productions have distinguished themselves in the world of entertainment: **Brian McKay**, one of Canada's foremost actors and directors; Catherine Robbin, until her retirement recently, was regarded as one of the world's finest mezzo sopranos; **Eugene McEleney '67**, with 25 years in television production at Global Television, is currently with Applied Electronics, designing and building television facilities for Canadian Broadcasters. **Paul Sarossy '82** has become one of the world's most highly established cinematographers along with his successful partnership with director Atom Egoyan winner of the Grand Prix at Cannes 1997, and twice Oscar

nominated for *The Sweet Hereafter*. **Michael Shamata** is one of Canada's best known directors; Mary Long has distinguished herself for forty years as an actress on the stage and radio; Jazz pianist **Chris Donnelly**, is a well recognized composer and musician; **Jules Tonus '75** until his death a few years ago, was the principal set designer for the National Ballet; **Michael McGowan '85**, author and film director of such successes as *St. Ralph*, *One Week* and *A Hockey Musical*; **Alan Dilworth '89**, actor, playwright and director; **Michael McManus**, actor in film and stage; **Claude Morrison**, founder of and performer with *The Nylons*; **Elias Zarou '67**, continues his forty year acting career in theatre, film and television, which has seen successes on stage and screen in Canada and the U.S.A.; **Kevin Janus '92**, producer and writer in New York for Off-Broadway productions; Mary Ellen Mahoney, actress and most recently in a Mirvish co-production with Andrew Lloyd Webber's, *The Sound of Music*. These are only a few of the celebrated performers in St. Michael's theatre history.

After one hundred years, it is only fitting then that these accomplishments be celebrated with the opening of the St. Michael's Centre for the Arts. This marvellous facility was financially supported by generous donors and thousands of present and former students, male and female, who devoted their time to "make something beautiful happen" on stage, as former director, Fr. Robert McKinnon, C.S.B. would say. To the Basilians, lay teaching staff, alumni, parents, architects, craftsmen and countless others, we owe our deepest gratitude. The Centre for the Arts and its imposing image is now a centrepiece for the St. Clair-Bathurst community. Its



finely tuned acoustics, its 440 seating capacity, its intimate interior design, a stage and fly system designed for large productions and other facilities, rank it among the very best theatrical venues in Toronto.

After years of planning, the Centre for the Arts has become a reality for the St. Michael's community who dared to dream, "*Built on Dreams.*"



# Toronto to Torino and Back

## In the Footsteps of Lee Iacocca – Sergio Marchionne

*In support of the L'Aquila, Abruzzo, Earthquake Relief Fund, **Sergio Marchionne '71**, CEO of Fiat SpA and head of Chrysler Group LLC, returned to his roots on February 12, 2010, at **Pat '82** and **Nick Di Donato's '76**, Liberty Grand, Exhibition Place. Born in Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy, Sergio's achievements have become legendary as he was recently named *The Globe and Mail* Report on Business magazine's CEO of the Year.*

Since taking the helm as the miracle worker and Chief Executive Officer of Fiat SpA in 2004, and sporting his trademark black sweater and dark trousers, Marchionne has delivered one of the auto industry's most impressive turnabouts in recent history. As current CEO of Chrysler Group LLC, Marchionne brings with him his vast professional experience and visionary business instincts to meet the many challenges of the North American auto market.

Marchionne, the son of a Carabinieri, was born in Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy, in 1952. By the age of six, he was head altar boy in the local church. At the age of 50, his father moved the family to Toronto to give them a better education. The young Sergio attended St. Michael's College School and then the University of Toronto where he graduated with a law degree from Osgood Hall, and an MBA from the University of Windsor.

Having just returned from Russia the day before his talk to those supporting the L'Aquila Earthquake Relief Fund, Sergio was quick to point out that, "little do we realize how we have travelled on the road of life. This is one of those moments. It's been a phenomenal journey allowing me to grow, work with many people and hopefully doing it well. I owe much to my mother who instilled in me a strong sense of justice, respect and responsibility to others."

**Pal Di Iulio '69**, President and CEO of Villa Charities/ Columbus Centre Abruzzo Earthquake Relief Fund, and long time friend, speaks of those early days when Sergio, at 16, used to drive his white Fiat to school and gave **Tony Di Poce '69** a ride every day. In response, Sergio confessed that he did have a Fiat in 1968 and was not impressed. "Furthermore, if you had told me then that I would be running Fiat, I would have laughed my head off," he remembers. Di Iulio recalls Sergio's



Sergio addressing the audience



Friends for life – Tony Di Poce '69, Sergio Marchionne '71, Tony Di Zio '69, Pal Di Iulio '69

language skills being so good that he not only encouraged **Fr. Rocco Volpe, C.S.B. '48** to excel, but to take a sabbatical and go to Rome to study. Sergio was also in the Italian Club as well as the Italian language play staged by the Club. Others remember that, although he was younger than those he associated with, he was very intelligent, well read and prepared. The philosophical and political debates between Sergio and **Sergio Bozigovich '69** often had to be calmed down by the likes of **Tony Di Zio '69** and **Di Iulio**. As an Italian executive, he still loves to talk and can charm an audience in several languages.

Marchionne, heralded as the new Iacocca, has been at the helm of Chrysler since July 2009 when the automaker emerged from bankruptcy protection and partnered with Italy's Fiat SpA which now owns 20% of Chrysler. He had insisted that he would not take the reins at Chrysler until Washington told him that was not a go. He held out for a gratis 35 % stake in Chrysler until U.S. President Barak Obama told him that was too greedy. He then settled for 20%. "We're convinced Chrysler can come back. It needs to be fixed, but it's not terminal," Marchionne said.

Marchionne's pace is astonishing. His residence is in Zug, Switzerland, but he also has an apartment in Torino, Fiat's hometown, and in Birmingham, Michigan not far from Chrysler's head office in Auburn Hills. Two company jets—a Cessna Citation X and a Dassault Falcon 900—await his call. He sometimes takes a helicopter to ferry him from Zug over the Alps to Torino. His Fiat office desk is a techie's delight: two Mac computers, a PC, along with two Blackberries, two iPods and two iPhones, fill its top.

He loves fast cars and in 2007 he totalled a red Ferrari 599 GTB on a Swiss highway. Miraculously he was not hurt. "I love fast cars," he says. "I used to be a car buff before I went to Fiat." The last time he was seen wearing a suit and tie was when he met the Pope in 2007 and even then his double-breasted suit was left unbuttoned, (a no-no in Italian fashion). Sergio has two sons. Alessio, 20, attends Nova Scotia's St. Francis Xavier University, and Tyler is in high school in Switzerland. His mother Maria, whom he adores, lives in Toronto where Sergio often returns for a visit.



L-R: Dennis Mills '64, Sergio Marchionne '71, Mike Colle '64



L-R: Dan Prednergast, Tony Di Poce '69, Pal Di Iulio '69, Nick Di Donato '76, Tony Di Zio '69, Joe Younder '56, Fr. Joseph Redican, C.S.B., Mrs. Maria Marchionne

Marchionne also had something special to say to the young St. Michael's men in attendance. He drew upon a poem by William Butler Yeats, *In Dreams Begins Responsibility*. "To you youngsters," he said, "in our dreams we give birth to new realities, where the possibilities are infinite. If we have the imagination, the power to dream of a future as we want it, then we also have the responsibility of realizing that dream. This is a responsibility that requires courage, resolve, and an enormous investment of personal energy. This is my wish for all of you today with the assurance there is no such thing as impossible dreams."

For Sergio, his dream will come upon his retirement when Fiat and Chrysler are true successes. He's not motivated by money but wants only to make a difference. "I want to make Chrysler the most profitable car company in the United States." Some thirty years ago another executive of Italian descent landing at an ailing American car company, brought it back to life. Lee Iacocca now 85, and living in California, met with Marchionne in September 2009. Marchionne recalls, "I saw him at his house and I had read some of his books. He's still an American icon. He took help once and paid it back. I promised him the day we pay the government back, I'll take him to Washington and hand over the cheque for a second time."

To honour the occasion, and in a gesture of mentorship and "we too can dream experience," **Pal Di Iulio** invited St. Michael's students and teachers: **Robert Longo '12**, **Rudyk Jonathan '12**, **Michele Di Leo '12**, **Lucas Labricciosa '11**, **Christian Iozzo '11**, **Mark Melfi '10**, **Julian Frasca '11**, and teacher, **Gennaro Di Leo**.



# Basketball Hall of Fame

## ***Mike Lavelle '54, Dan Prendergast, Leo Rautins '78, George Rautins '71 Inducted into the Blue Raiders Basketball Hall of Fame***

Since the new Bathurst St. school opened its doors in 1950, St. Michael's has been a dominating force in high school basketball, not only in the Toronto area but also on provincial and national levels. The success of the programme is due to many dedicated players and coaches. It was fitting then that on Friday, January 8, 2010, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the longest running basketball tournament in the country, that two coaches and two players were inducted into the newly formed St. Michael's College School Blue Raiders Basketball Hall of Fame. Assistant coaches, Nunzio Corrente, **Emile John '87**, **Daniel Lumsden '96** and, the man behind the move, **Jeff Zownir '88**, himself a former player and now coach of the Blue Raiders, made it a reality. It's amazing, that in the space of these 50 years, only four coaches have led the senior team: **Mike Lavelle '54**, 1958-65, Dan Prendergast 1966-89, Greg Paolini 1989-2000, and **Jeff Zownir**, 2001-2010.

It all began in 1960 when **Mike Lavelle '54**, a young teacher-coach, whose love of the game and whose dream it was, initiated the first Blue Raiders basketball tournament which St. Michael's won the first two years and six times since. After graduating, Mike went on to Assumption University in Windsor and returned to St. Mike's as a teacher, football, and basketball coach from 1958-1965. He became one of the most successful and prominent high school coaches in the province producing a number of graduates who went on to excel at the university and Olympic levels. Mike has had a successful career as a teacher and basketball coach at the University of Waterloo and the University of Toronto (Mississauga Campus). As a motivational speaker and personal counsellor, he runs, *I Have a Dream*. When Mike passed his skills on to Dan Prendergast, little did he realize that one day his own son, **Mike Lavelle Jr. '88**, would be coached by Dan.





## BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



L-R: Fr. Neil Hibberd, C.S.B. '58, Leo Rautins '78, Dan Prendergast

Hailing from London Ontario, and after graduating from the University of Western Ontario, Dan Prendergast began his teaching career at Scollard Hall in North Bay where he coached the senior basketball team. In 1961 he took up permanent residence at St. Mike's and for the past 49 years has been actively involved with the school in his roll as teacher, coach, Director of Guidance, Vice Principal and Alumni Affairs Officer. His presence and faithful contribution is evident in Skate for Kids, the Turkey Roll, Homecoming, the Order of St. Michael and the annual Coach 'P' golf tournament, to name a few. In Dan's 26-year leadership, the team won 19 TDCAA Championships and several OFSAA appearances and tournament championships. His final championship was earned when his son, **Danny Prendergast Jr. '89**, hit the winning free throw in the dying seconds. Coach 'P' aptly became know as the Dean of high school basketball in Ontario. Many of his players went on to successful careers in university, the U.S.A., Canada and Europe at the professional levels.

Perhaps the *Toronto Star's*, David Grossman, a friend and supporter of Dan over the years, says it best. "Dan and St. Mike's were like bread and butter. This was 'the' tournament on the hardwood, now celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. Dan taught in the regular classroom but also did a great deal of teaching on the court. While he often said the players made him look good, there was a great relationship and one of respect and admiration from these kids who looked to Dan for advice."

If St. Michael's teaches a student to live life by giving, to have students use their talents to help those in need, to be a living example of goodness, discipline and knowledge, then Dan Prendergast, teacher, coach, family man and friend, who has given his God given talents to a school he loves and whose double blue he so proudly wears, well deserves induction into the St. Michael's College School Blue Raiders Basketball Hall of Fame.

**Leo Rautins '78** played in three St. Michael's Blue Raiders championship tournaments, and is the only player in 50 years to have been voted MVP each time. Leo was named Toronto High School Player of the Year and First Team All-Canadian High School Team. Having been recruited by over 150 universities, he accepted a scholarship to the University of Minnesota where he was named to the Big Ten Rookie Team. In 1979, he transferred to Syracuse University where he was selected to the Big East Tournament All Star Team three years in a row. In 1980, he was named to the Big East All Star Team and given Honourable Mention to the 1983 All-American Team. As the youngest player ever to make Canada's National Team at 16, he played on that team from 1977-1992. In 1982, he was named to the All-World championship team. Leo was the first Canadian to be drafted to an NBA team, and in 1983, was taken in the first round by the Philadelphia 76ers. The very first cheque that Leo received from the 76ers, he used to purchase the glass backboards that are on the gym's main court today.



L-R: Mike Lavelle '54 and Dan Prendergast





L-R: Mike Lavelle '54, Dan Prendergast

Coach 'P' says, that "having glass backboards in 1983 was really special. That also tells you what a special person Leo was and remains." Throughout his career in the NBA, Leo played with the Philadelphia 76ers, Indiana Pacers and Atlanta Hawks, followed by two seasons in the Italian Pro League. In 2005, he was named Head Coach of Canada's National Team and in the summer of 2009 he coached the team to a place in next summer's World Championships. For the past 15 years he has been the T.V. analyst for the Toronto Raptors broadcasts. Leo is proud of his six foot four son, Andy, who is following in his footsteps as an accomplished player in his final year with Syracuse University basketball team. Reports indicate he should be a high draft pick in the NBA.

**George Rautins '71** led the Blue Raiders to four league championships, several tournament championships and four OFSAA appearances. George never played in a losing T.D.C.A.A. game in his five years of high school ball. He was chosen to the First Team All-Canadian High School Team. From there, he went to Niagara University and in his first year led the nation in shooting percentage. He was chosen team captain in his senior year, and was drafted in the NBA's seventh round by the Buffalo Braves. George later played for several years on the Canadian National Team. His SMCS uniform was retired in 1982. George has worked in financial services for thirty years and is currently with *Young & Frederick Investment Solutions Group* at Scotia McLeod in Whitby. His two daughters, Sandy, is an Interior Designer in Boca Raton and Cara is a teacher in Kingston, Ontario. He still participates and plays against **Vince Santoro '71** in the Scarborough Masters League. He also regularly plays in Masters Basketball Tournaments, and will compete in Buffalo and Florida this year. His old teammate, **Rob Stewart '71**, has joined him in the past. He wishes readers to know that, "I schooled both brother, **Leo** and nephew, Andy Rautins to achieve their basketball dreams." He keeps busy with boating, kayaking, cycling and fishing, but "my primary goal is to some day beat Coach 'P' in golf," he says with a smile.

*Some of the former players, coaches and friends present at the ceremony honouring the inductees include:* **Gino Saccone '80**, Controller at SMCS, **Jeff Zownir '88**, Senior Blue Raiders Coach, **Kirt Charter '82**, SMCS teacher and Jr. Basketball Coach, **Emile John '87** Vice Principal at SMCS, **Mike Lavelle Jr. '88**, **Paul Dignan '59** former Vice Principal of SMCS and long-time Bantam Coach (the tournament was played on the Paul Dignan Court), **Vaulton Reece '83**, **Jon Clark '02**, **Jeff Cruz '99**, Dave Smyth, SMCS basketball coach, David Tessaro, SMCS basketball coach, **Stan Kuliavas '98**, **Aras Ruslys '04**, **Dwight Donald '90**, **Beau Younker '99**, **Tom Bielecki '01**, **Eugene Basilio '87**, **John D'Aguanno '83**, **Carl Glatt '63**.

# Basketball Hall of Fame



# St. Mike's Homecoming





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## **St. Mike's Young Alumni Golf Tournament - Another Success**

Over 120 young alumni attended the 2nd Annual St. Mike's Young Alumni Golf Tournament held on Saturday, August 29th, 2009 at the Kleinburg Golf Club. Golf, with cart, a steak & chicken dinner, and a fun-filled reception were provided to all at a cost of only \$100 (cart included). The tournament is open to St. Mike's alumni from the classes of 1994 -2004 with all proceeds going to the school. The Tournament Committee, led by **Joseph Sgro '01**, **Dan Currie '97**, **Steve Sedran '98**, and **Frank Lamie '98**, will be holding the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament this summer in a similar format at a location to be determined. If interested, please contact **Frank Lamie** at [frank.lamie@gowlings.com](mailto:frank.lamie@gowlings.com).



## **Gene Guccia's Annual Dinner Gathering**

(L-R) Standing: Joe Angotti, Carlo Caterella, Joe Sgro, Tom Micallef  
(L-R) Seated: Angelo Comi, Jim Gregory, Dave Keon, Gene Guccia, Jack Costello



## **The 1951-52, 53 St. Michael's College School Majors Gather at Gene Guccia's '52 Annual Golf Classic at Streetsville Glen Golf Club**

(L-R standing) Paul Knox, Ed Chadwick, Marc Reaume, Paul Megaffin, Bill Lee, Murray Costello, Gerry Macnamara, Les Duff, Jim Logan.  
(L-R seated) Ted Toppazzini, Bob Schiller, Bill Dineen, Neil Buchanan, Ed Plata.



## **The Boys in the Band**

(L-R) Jack Lonergan, Al Kelly, Ray Ferracutti (deceased) (seated), Joe Boccia, Bob Bertoia, Frank Turano



# Turkey Roll and Grad Reunion

*A Night to Remember – Patrick Della Rocca '85*

**On Friday, November 28th, 2009 we honoured the graduating classes of 1960 (50 years), 1979 (30 years), 1985 (25 years) and 1999 (10 years). What follows are a few memories of those years which speak for all grads.**



Upon arriving at St. Mike's in the fall of 1980, the usual occurrence of meeting with new people in a new school came to pass. They were, at first, uncomfortable times for all of us, and for a short time, there were lines drawn and certain "groups" formed as happens in high schools. However, it certainly didn't take long to see that this was a special class, who, with the guidance of the priests and teachers, brought out the very best in us. The unity of this group grew into a thing of beauty. Sure, we all had individual friends, but there was no exclusion in any way. You would see the football players hanging out at lunch tables with the math guys, and the science guys hanging with the hockey guys, and so on...and when this group assembled for any function, they were one, loud and proud, ready to pump up the crowd! Truly, we were bonded by double blue, and we showed it in every way.

For many of us, it had been 25 years since we last gathered having left the ceremony at Holy Rosary, and assembled on the back lawn behind the hedges for a little garden party, thrown for our parents and of course us, the graduating class of 1985. We left that day to go off in many directions: most to university, some directly into the work force, but all with the true blessing from learning goodness, discipline and knowledge for five of the most memorable years of our lives.





## TURKEY ROLL AND GRAD REUNION



A month before the November 27<sup>th</sup> Turkey Roll, honouring our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, my lifelong friend **Russell McMann '85** chatted a bit and wondered about trying to get a number of grads together for the Roll and we thought, "lets give it a go". Ironically, a day later, **George Miniaci** sent me an e-mail about it being the 25<sup>th</sup>, and maybe we should try to get the class together. That was the beginning. Within 24 hours we had 40 names on "the list" that slowly grew into 130 of our classmates.

Well, fellow alumni, I can honestly tell you that the night was one that none of us will ever forget. To see the boys all gathered in one room again, and to feel the "vibe" was beyond description. It was as if we were still walking between the yellow brick walls, on our way to **Fr. Zinger's C.S.B.** class, or maybe to 214 to see Mr. McDougall for...well...you know!



One of the many highlights that occurred was the taking of our 'Stanley Cup Photo' all gathered and posing as we tried to squeeze in a record number of classmates. **Giancarlo Morrone** and **Pat Kielty** gave the nod - "Hoikety Choik on C" and the gym 'rocked' as it did 25 years ago; we followed it up with a Bubba Lou and the cameras flashed. After the picture, Hugh McDougall stepped into the middle of us and told us that we should be proud; we were the "greatest sight" he had seen at a Turkey Roll in all his years-high praise indeed, and well earned I think. It was truly a magical night to be with those who we were with when we began the journey. If I may offer a piece of advice to those who are somewhat cynical, or doubt the affect a night like this can have.....make it happen! What do you have to lose? Trust me and over one hundred other members of the Class of 1985. It will be a night to remember.



There were 44,000 runners in the 2009 NYC Marathon and perhaps more importantly 44,000 different dreams. This is one story from a storied race. **Brian Bannan '96** and his cousin **Matt '99**, sons of **Doug '66** and **Don Bannan '66**, began a journey that not only tested their physical endurance, but created an everlasting bond of love, friendship and support for all those who strive to be the very best they can be. This is Brian and Matt's story but it belongs to all of us. . . . .

# New



L-R: Matt Bannan '99 and cousin Brian Bannan '96

At the start of the summer of 2009, I was diagnosed with follicular lymphoma, a type of non-hodgkin's cancer. Doctors told me that while I didn't have any immediate cancer-related symptoms, I would likely have to undergo treatment at some point in the future. Initially, I was depressed because it seemed as if there was nothing I could do except wait for this cancer to become more aggressive. My girlfriend, Sara, decided around this time to run the New York City Marathon. She dedicated the run to me and pledged to raise money for cancer research. Because I wasn't sick yet, because I wanted to fight back, because people had been so supportive of me, I decided to run this race as well. Soon my cousin **Matt Bannan '99** also signed up and we had a team!

Sara began training in NYC, where we lived for four years and a city that still holds a very special place in my heart. Matt and I began our training here in Toronto. We had only about 14 weeks to get ready (most training regimes suggest at least 18), but we were both in good shape and felt that we could handle this marathon-thing, no problem. We started off running from the *Cricket Club* to Lawrence Ave. and back, then to Eglinton, then to Davisville and beyond. We ran around the cricket pitch and through the Beltline. We rode the stationary bike and we ran around the bases at baseball fields all over Etobicoke after we hit dingers... I think I had a few more dingers, but Matt will probably tell you that he did.

As the race got closer, Matt and I began to get nervous. Our runs weren't getting any easier. We were struggling on the long runs especially, and it was beginning to look like finishing this race wasn't going to be a slam-dunk. With about six weeks to go, I went into the *Running Room* and was given the name of a marathoner to call. His name was Danny Kassup, and I was told he could help us get ready to race. I called Danny and we met at Winston Churchill Park at St. Clair and Spadina. Danny is a world-class marathoner who had won the Toronto Marathon. We began to run with him three times a week. Wednesday was a track day, Friday we ran the hills and Sunday was a long run, 20 to 30km. Matt and I began to get stronger and faster. We had days where we felt like champions and days running through

# York - New York

## ..... *We Ran That Town* *Brian Bannan '96*

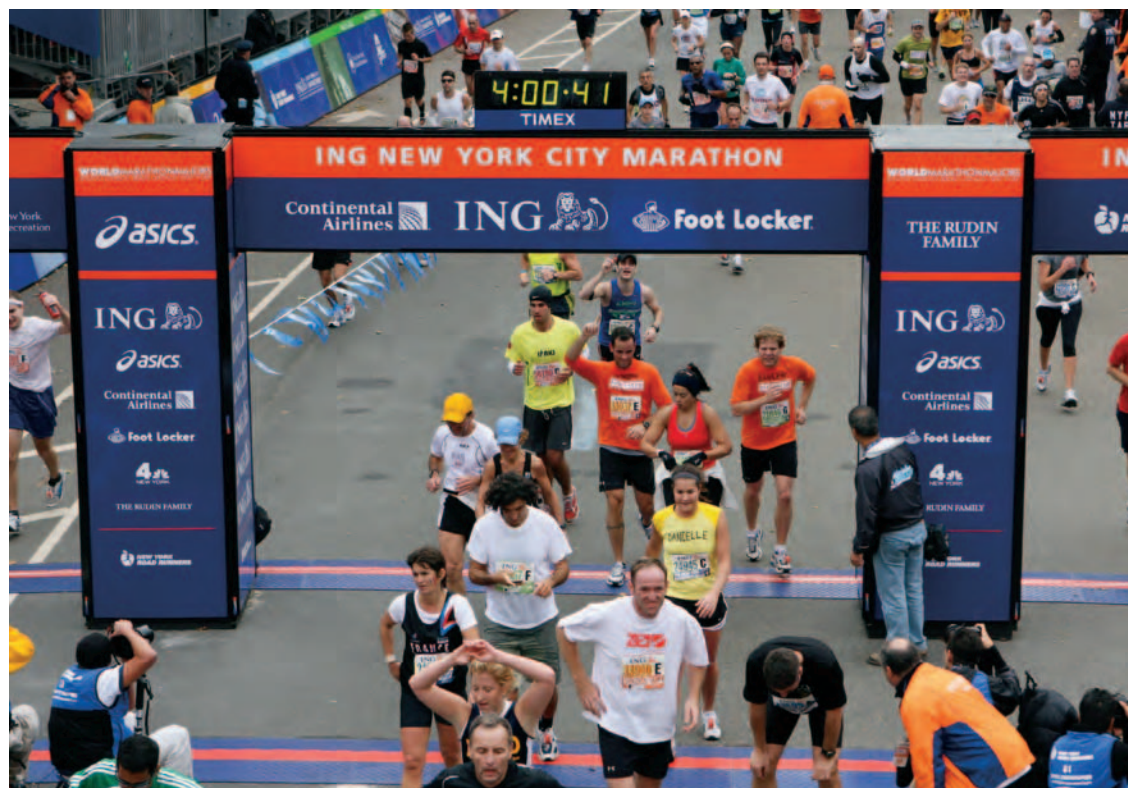
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in the pouring rain, we felt our efforts were futile. But, overall, we began to love to run. What we ate, when we slept, every detail in our lives began to be dominated by our runs. Danny's word became gospel and we did pretty much whatever he told us. Most of our sentences began with "Danny said...." or "Danny told us...".

Finally, after all the ups and downs, all the early mornings, all the training, all the effort and commitment, it was race day. The first eight miles were a breeze. Matt and I smoked Brooklyn. We breezed through Queens and into Manhattan. All of a sudden, at mile 20, in the heart of the Bronx, we hit the wall. I never knew what that actually meant before it happened. I kind of thought that the wall was something that happened to other people as in, "The wall? whatever you say buddy". Let me tell you something; the wall means every step hurts and you still have *six miles* to go. Matt and I battled for every last step of those final six miles and next thing we knew, we were in Central Park crossing the finish line in a time of 3:37:39. Sara finished in 4:20:08. We had over 40 people there to support the three of us and together our team raised \$60,000 for cancer research at Sloan-Kettering Hospital in NYC.

We had a great party that marathon night in NYC. When we returned home, Matt and I felt a bit empty. We had poured so much energy into this race and now we didn't have anything to train for. Danny called to congratulate us and asked if we wanted to start running again in December. Hmmmm.... did someone say Boston!

After graduating from Queen's University, *Brian* worked with Special Needs Children with the T.C.D.S.B and acted in both film and T.V. . He moved to New York in '05 where he trained as an actor, performed in off Broadway plays and was a founding member of the Collective Theatre Company. You can find him in T.V. commercials and running the Belt Line following in the path of Frank Bergin.

*Matt Bannan* played hockey for both the St. Mike's Buzzers and the St. Mike's Majors. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario and went on to play professional hockey in the ECHL and in Germany. Matt currently works with the twins, *Doug* and *Don Bannan*, at Ridley Windows and Doors.



Making the finish line!



# Carnival Fun

*with the Ardo Gidaro '70 Family*

Their presence is felt every August to September at Exhibition Place during the Canadian National Exhibition (C.N.E.) where the yells of kids and adults alike resonate high in space as they ride to the thrill of The Sizzler, the Spinner and Ferris Wheel. The **Ardo Gidaro '70** family, **Andrew '02, Marco '06**, daughter Natasha and wife Roseanna, operating under Astro Amusements, have provided flight and excitement to countless midway fun seekers for the past 31 years.



It all began back in the mid 60's when, in order to pay for the \$300 St. Mike's tuition, Ardo began working at the Ex. picking up balls at a milk can carnival game. Then, after graduating from the University of Toronto, he spent 33 years in property management with *Olympia and York Development*, but kept his hands on the "wheels" with the

help of his wife Roseanna who he had met and later hired after he obtained his first concession at the CNE in 1979. Their small amusement company developed and grew and they now own eight carnival rides, 20 games, 20 inflatables and several food concessions.



Their repertoire of events starts in June with several Portuguese celebrations, Taste of Little Italy, the Chin International Picnic, Taste of Asia, Markham Ribfest and the Tamil Carnival. The highlight of their Carnival season is the *Canadian National Exhibition* and the *Western Fair* in London, Ontario. They also operate food and drink stands at the Grand Prix of Toronto, the Toronto Caribanna Parade and the CHIN International Picnic.

The family produces its own attractions like Screemers, ([www.screemers.ca](http://www.screemers.ca)) one of the largest stand alone "haunted" attractions in the world. Their second enterprise, also held at *Exhibition Place* is a March Break event called Wizard World ([www.wizardworld.ca](http://www.wizardworld.ca)) where kids under 12 can enjoy an indoor fun park with the largest inflatable playground in Canada. In conjunction with the *Toronto Columbo Lions Club*, the family is developing a new event called the Great Toronto International Barbecue set for May 2-4 long weekend also at *Exhibition Place*.

The Gidaro children all grew up in the carnival atmosphere surrounded by clowns, smells and sounds. **Andrew**, an active alumnus and a graduate from the University of Guelph, holds an Amusement Devices Mechanic License from the *Ontario Technical Standard and Safety Authority*, allowing him to operate and inspect amusement rides. Among his other responsibilities, he started *A to Z Fun Rentals* ([atozfunrentals.ca](http://atozfunrentals.ca)), a party rental division of the company that supplies inflatables to school fun fairs, corporate events and backyard parties. **Marco** is in his third year at the University of Guelph and works most weekends and summers in the business. Natasha, a lawyer, although not following in the family footsteps "is there when I need her," says Ardo.

The family's long association with St. Mike's continues at venues such as, the Turkey Roll, Homecoming and other functions.

At day's end, Ardo sits back in his lazy boy chair and sighs, "It's not a normal life at times but we love the thrill of it all. We are in the business of selling fun and that's a laughing matter," he happily replies.



# Life is Like a Parade

**Tom Flavin '84**

*The following is an excerpt from a letter **Tom Flavin '84** wrote to me. I feel it tells the St. Michael's story. Tom has returned from his second tour of duty with the Canadian forces in Afghanistan. While out on patrol in the cold desert nights, he had moments of reflection of his strong attachment to St. Mike's and the guiding fixed points his teachers and experience there have given him.*

Over there, I saw another side of the world that is quite unbelievable until you experience it first hand. TV and movies do not capture the noise, the stink, the heat and dust, or most importantly, what war does to human beings, both military and civilian. Like most of my classmates, I had grownup in a nice part of Toronto, and my future was so stable that when I was at St. Mike's, it was impossible for me to conceive of how hard life is for people who have the bad luck to be born in the wrong place at the wrong time.

We are so lucky to be Canadians. Both times when I came home from Afghanistan, I went through about a week of euphoria just because I was so happy that Canada is my home. Part of that, has been the realization how lucky I was to get into St. Mike's and to have the advantage of that education.

I actually got into St. Mike's twice, owing to the old saying "Be careful what you ask for - you might get it." After grade eleven, I decided that the public school



Tom Flavin '84, third from the left, seen with his military colleagues.

system was well worth trading in my blazer and bus tickets for, and opted out of St. Mike's. My parents were wise enough to let me learn from my own mistakes, so they agreed. It was only after a few months that I saw what a huge gulf between what I was getting at St. Mike's and what most high school students in another system were receiving. The interest and devotion of the teachers, coaches and staff at SMCS, and the bonds we shared as students, just didn't exist. At St. Mike's there was a moral and ethical underpinning in the curriculum. It took me back to the spring evening when, as a grade eight student, I went to SMCS with my parents, and Fr. Fitzpatrick, C.S.B., Mr. McDougall and Mr. Prendergast, explained to us what the school was going to do for us, and what it expected of us. That approach just didn't exist elsewhere. **Mr. Dignan '59** was kind enough to hear my plea and let me return for grade 13, which was one of the best years of my life. I must have learned a lesson during my year away because my marks shot up, I rededicated myself to cross country running, and I got into Queen's, where I continued to run with my classmates, **John Bolan, Ed Roddy and Andrew Bayley**.

One of my most profound memories was the autumn that **Enzo Montemurro '81** died during his first year at Cornell, and we sent him off from the school chapel. I have been to many services since for people who died too young - military friend killed on duty, and many others whose caskets I have saluted on the airfield ramp at Kandahar. Enzo's service made an impression on me that I still carry: St. Mike's is the beginning of an experience that lasts our entire lives. Sure, we do not all lie in state at the school and get carried out past our classmates, but what Enzo's service showed me, and I still believe, is that St. Mike's was much, much more than "high school". I think that is why I picked up the phone and called **Mr. Dignan** in 1983, hoping to return for my final year.

I have never returned to the school since I left in 1984, but that was not the end of my connection with St. Mike's. I met up with **Fr. Hibberd, C.S.B. '58** again while I was studying law in the 1990s, and I also made the acquaintance of the late Fr. Dan Zorzi, C.S.B.. One of my good friends studied at another Basilian school, St. Charles in Sudbury, and became a priest, ministering all over Northern Ontario. When I was visiting a Canadian supply base in Afghanistan in December 2008, I met up with the older brother of **Patrick and Dennis Butler**, class and hockey teammates of mine. In more abstract ways, St. Mike's continues to resonate as my life unfolds. When my wife and I visited Europe two years ago, I found depictions of St. Michael in

museums and galleries. Two particularly magnificent ones I will never forget are a painting in the Kelvingrove Museum in Glasgow, and a statue at the Musee d'Orsay in Paris. It took my breath away last year, when I found a statue of St. Michael that was loaned by the school to a museum display on dragons. What began for me at St. Mike's continues to manifest itself in my life, both through human connections and through the timeless aspects of art and human values.

My life has taken me all around the world. My wife and I call Victoria home. I am in amazement as I hit 45 how much St. Mike's did for me. I was not a great athlete or a great scholar, but it did not matter because I was surrounded by classmates and faculty who wanted us all to make something of our lives. For me, attaining the Honour Roll once, and being part of the cross country team, meant as much as if I had been a prize winner and the athlete of the year. What St. Mike's gave me, what you and your colleagues taught me, was to give your best effort to everything you do, and to respect the human potential in every person, not just the most gifted. I have learned that within those yellow bricks, there were people who would do anything to help you, as long as you continued to try. The efforts of people like Hugh McDougall, Dan Prendergast, **Paul Dignan, Paul Barry '73, Mr. Monahan '63, John Mackle, Eva Buckley, Jack Fenn '54** Fr. Enright, C.S.B., Fr. Mulcahy, C.S.B. - have ended up making a huge difference in my life.

You once gave us advice before the 1984 grad formal - to behave like gentleman, although you summed it up a bit differently. The other was the parade analogy, which I have found is applicable around the world, whether I am working with generals and diplomats on an arms treaty, or the poorest of the poor in Afghanistan. "Life is like a parade", you told us, "Some people are in the parade, some people are watching the parade, and some people do not even know that there is a parade going on." Yes, life is happening and as it goes by, we have the choice to take part, to observe or to withdraw. We have to make that choice every day, in the little things as well as the big ones. What I learned at St. Mike's, and I need to relearn constantly, is that if you really apply yourself to those little things, the big ones will often fall into place. Thanks for the memories.



# Where are They Now?



## 1940's

**Fr. Tom Mohan, C.S.B. '48**, was named an Honourary Fellow of St. Mary's University College in Calgary in recognition for his outstanding contributions as founding father of the University College during his 12 years in Calgary

## 1950's

**Fr. Joe Walsh, C.S.B. '54** writes that after graduating from SMCS, **Fr. Bob Holmes, C.S.B. '54** and I entered the Basilian novitiate. We completed our BA at the University of St. Michael's College in 1958, taught for three years and were ordained in 1964. My first year of teaching was at St. Mike's in 1958-59 and Bob also taught there for several years after ordination. Later, I taught at Basilian schools in Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and for 16 years at Michael Power High School. We had an intense fraternal sports' rivalry with St. Mike's during those years. As far as the teachers and coaches were concerned, we really wanted to win every game, but at the same time we were proud of the other school's sporting accomplishments.

After leaving Michael Power, I worked in Basilian parishes for two years in Rochester, New York, one year in Amherstburg, Ontario, seven years in Lethbridge, Alberta and eight years in Calgary. I had just turned 65 when the Basilians and I departed from Lethbridge. It was a good time to ease off a little without working full time in a parish. However, I am now helping out at Holy Rosary Parish just across the playing field from St. Mike's and enjoying good health.

My only sibling, **Bill 'Knobby' Walsh '57**, died on March 21, 2008, and was duly recorded in the pages of the *Blue Banner*. Bill and I stayed close over the years even though he lived his entire working life in Chicago. The only funeral that I have celebrated here at Holy Rosary was in December of 2009 for **Frank Zingrone '57**, a good friend of Bill's.

**John McCrae, '54** traces his St. Michael's roots back to "Clover Hill" when the school was located on Bay St. His present family carries on the tradition. **Peter '98** graduated from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. and then Osgoode Hall Law School. He and his wife, Amy, and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, live in New York City where he is a lawyer with the international law firm, *Weil, Gotshal and Manges*. **Matt '99** attended Cornell University and graduated in 2003. Drafted by the Atlanta Thrashers in 2000, Matt chose to forego hockey and attended Yale Medical School graduating in 2009. He is presently doing his residency in plastic surgery at the University of Toronto Health Sciences Centre. His twin brother, **Mark '99**, also attended Cornell University, and like Matt, was drafted by Atlanta, and also like Matt, chose to go to Yale Medical School. Mark is doing his residency in plastic surgery at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City.

**John Keyser QC, '55**, attended Assumption College in Windsor, the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School. He and his wife Pat have two sons, David and Patrick, and a daughter Katie. A long time resident of Mississauga, John is the senior partner in the firm of *Keyser Mason Ball LLP*, one of the largest law firms in Mississauga. John was head of the City's Committee of Adjustment for 35 years before his retirement. He remains active in the Mississauga community where he was Chairman of the Board of Trade and worked closely with the Credit Valley Hospital during its formation. John was the recipient of the Governor General's Award in 1992, the Bicentennial Award from the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1997, and the Queen's Medal on her Golden Jubilee in 2004.

**Bob Keyser '59**, graduated from Laurier University in the early 60's and was a senior executive in a number of businesses. Now retired, he lives in Toronto. Bob's brother, **Michael '63**, graduated from York University in 1966. An avid skier, Mike is married to Judy and has a son Shane and daughter Christa May. He has lived in Calgary for 35 years and has his own firm, *Keyser Insurance Ltd.*

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### 1960's

**Bill O'Hara '67**, writes that in the 1980's he started an improv theater company in Toronto called *Toronto Theatresports*, the brainchild of Keith Johnstone, founder of Calgary's *Loose Moose Theatre Company*. After spending a year at *Loose Moose*, Bill brought the *Theatresports* franchise to Toronto. Careers, such as the cast of *Kids in the Hall* and *Linda Kash*, came out of that. After working for *Dominion Securities* for 17 years, he moved to Ottawa in 2003 and began working with *Tetra Speakers* whose clients include Keith Richards, Herbie Hancock and numerous other Grammy winners. The highlight of the *Tetra* experience was a trip to L.A. where he met Herbie Hancock, "culminating in an evening at Quincy Jones' house listening to Quincy's songbook and dining till the wee hours."

No longer involved with *Tetra*, he is still a great friend and supporter of Adrian Butts, the founder and designer. Bill is now with *Manulife Securities* as an investment advisor, managing taxable and non-taxable accounts for private clients. He is married to Pat and has a daughter, Gabrielle, "whose hair is as red as mine used to be."

### 1970's

**Dave Gardner '71**, after 15 years with *Molson Breweries*, Dave decided it was time to "cross the line" and is now co-owner of *Tom and Jerry's Bistro* in Aurora, Ontario. Dave continues to be a faithful supporter of St. Mike's and Skate for Kids. We wish him well.

**Mike Elwood '76**, carried the Olympic Torch in Mississauga on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, with the Mississauga Braves minor hockey team and his coaching



staff. Mike won the honour by convincing the Braves organization to reduce its carbon footprint through carpooling, conserving energy and donating old hockey equipment to those less fortunate. As a result of this initiative, the Braves were featured on CBC's *Hockey Day in Canada* when the people at Coca Cola took notice. The result was the Braves organization being invited by Coca Cola to be the first 'green' Olympic Torch Bearers.

Mike keeps in touch with **Joe Gibbs '79**, who is living in Germany, **Frank '74** and **Tom Dejak '77**, and **Pat Graham '79**, a successful Toronto chiropractor. Over the last few years, Mike has been involved in the world of Sustainable Transportation and has worked to deliver clean commercial transportation to the Global Marketplace.

He leads a team which delivered Canada's Electric Vehicle Technology Roadmap and is about to embark on the next phase which is the implementation stage. Following St. Mike's, he went to the Ontario College of Art and then to Concordia University where he met his wife Kelly. After university, he played hockey in Europe and travelled extensively. Today, Mike and Kelly live in Mississauga Ontario with their three children, Keelin 16, Eric 14 and Michelle 12.

**Domenic Lunardo '76** celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2009 and is working in municipal government for the Town of Oakville, as Commissioner of Community Services. He is responsible for the provision of fire and emergency services, parks, harbours and urban forestry, recreation, culture and library services. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1980 with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture and is a member of both the Canadian and American Society of Landscape Architects. His previous work experience was 10 years as a landscape architect with the Province of Ontario, 10 years with the City of Vaughan as Director of Parks and Urban Design and three years with the City of Hamilton as Director of Design and Construction. His daughter, Jennifer is in her second year of Optometry at State University of New York in Manhattan, and son Michael is in his fourth year at McMaster taking a Bachelor of Science Programme. His brother, **Roy '82**, graduated from York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and first worked as a Buyer with the *Toronto Transportation Commission* and is now a Warranty Administrator with the TTC.

### 1980's

#### **The Ultimate Hockey Family - Those Amazing Dineen's**

**Gord Dineen '80** played for the Buzzers during the 1979-80 season and then went on to play 528 games in the NHL with the New York Islanders, Minnesota North Stars, Pittsburgh Penguins and the Ottawa Senators. He is now the Assistant Coach with the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League. **Kevin Dineen '81**, after playing for the Buzzers in 1980-81, went to the University of Denver, was drafted by the Hartford Whalers and went on to play 19 years in the NHL. He played on Canada's National Team in 1983-84 and Canada's Olympic Team in 1984. He also represented Canada in four World Championships. Kevin is the current coach of the Portland Pirates of the American Hockey League. **Jerry '85** played for the Buzzers from 1983-85 and went on to play for Plattsburg State University for four years, followed by two years of Pro hockey in the ECHL in North Carolina. He is presently video coach with the New York Rangers. Leading all the Dineen's is their father, **Bill '53** who played for the Majors from 1949-53 and later the Detroit



Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks. He went on to be a much respected coach for 18 years. Son, Shawn had a 10 year career in minor pro hockey, and is now a pro scout for the Nashville Predators. Peter, with a 15 year career in minor pro hockey, has been a pro scout for the past 10 years with the Columbus Blue Jackets. Bill is proud of all his sons and gives high praise to his wife, Patricia, and daughter Rosemarie, a nursing graduate of George Brown College, who has worked at the Dana Farber Hospital Cancer Research Centre in Boston and is now a nurse in Glen Falls, New York.

**Sean Burke '85**, played for the Buzzers in 1983-84, was drafted by the New Jersey Devils and went on to play 18 years in the NHL. During his career, he played on three National Teams, three World Cup Teams, as well as two Olympic teams, winning a silver medal in the 1992 Games. Sean is currently the goaltending coach with the NHL Phoenix Coyotes.

**Mike Rosati '86**, played for the Buzzers from 1984-86 and went on to play 12 years in International Hockey in Italy and Germany. He represented Italy in two World Cups. Mike runs The Canadian Goaltending Academy in Barrie.

*On Thursday, January 21, 2010 members of the class of 1987 gathered for a 'Straggler's Reunion' at Piazzetta Trattoria in preparation for their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2012. Organized by **George Della Rocca '87** and **Rob Lepone '87**, it was an opportunity to socialize and update the alumni mailing list. The following are profiles on some of those graduates. Please contact George (gdellarocca@rogers.com) to update your address.*

**Chris Loftus '87**, completed his Master of Architecture in 1999 at UBC and has his own General Contracting company, *Method*, in Toronto. He has three children and regularly sees his '87classmates **Denis Veres**, **Brendan Graham**, **Rob Sabatini**, **Manny Campione**, **Val Ambrosino** and **Mark Glionna**.

**Brendan Graham '87**, graduated from the University of Guelph Ontario where he played hockey for the Guelph Gryphons. He is currently the Business Development Manager at *TLC Pet Foods Inc.* He lives in Kitchener with his wife, Angela and has a six year old son, Cullan who decided, following in the footsteps of his father, uncle **Pat Graham '79** and nephew, **Connor Gibbs '14**, wants to go to St. Mike's and skate on "their very own rink!." Brendan still sees **Chris Loftus '87** on a regular basis and keeps in touch with **Bill McKeown '87**, **David O'Connor '87**, **Denis Veres '87** and **George Della Rocca '87**.

Brendan enjoys coaching his son in the Kitchener Minor Hockey & Lacrosse Leagues and runs several fundraisers for various animal shelters and kennel clubs across Canada. Please see his most recent fundraiser and special offer for SMCS either under the Incentive Programme section on the SMCS website or in the soon to be released version of the SMCS 2010 Alumni Business Directory.

**Denis Veres '87**, graduated from the University of Western Ontario in the HBA Programme in 1998. He and his wife, Cathy, have two girls, Taylor and Sydney and a son, Ryan. He works as a Bond Broker for *Freedom International Brokers* in Toronto.

**Sean O'Donoghue '87**, writes that having worked at CanWest cross country media sales, he is now with *Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media Consortium* broadcast live from Vancouver. After working at CanWest, heading up cross platform media sales/integration sponsorships, "I took an opportunity to be part of *Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media Consortium*, the Canadian media rights holders for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Being part of Canadian history, has been both memorable and enjoyable."

**David O'Connor '87**, has for the past 13 years has been a chiropractor in Leaside focusing on sports. He has worked with the National Gymnastics and Synchronized swimming teams and had the good luck to be the team chiropractor at the Olympic Games in Athens and Beijing.

**George Della Rocca '87**, went to graduate school after attending the University of Western Ontario and then Osgoode Hall Law School. He is currently Vice President, Corporate Real Estate at *CGI Group Inc.* He lives in Toronto with his wife, Sarah and has a 10 year-old daughter, Emma (who knew the Hoikety Choik at four years old) and eight year-old son, William, who plans to attend SMCS following in the footsteps of his father and uncles **Patrick '85** and **Robert '88**. George still sees **Chris Loftus '87** and **Denis Veres '87** on a regular basis and stays in touch with classmate **Maurice Cherrie '87** in Vancouver. George convenes hockey and baseball leagues where his children play in Don Mills, and is involved in community work, sitting on the Development Committee for the St. Clare Inn, a shelter for homeless women in Toronto (www.stclareinn.com).

**Steven Fullan '87**, writes from London England that as Manager of the Great Britain Men's Softball Team, they placed a very respectable 8<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams in Saskatoon at the World Championships. They were the highest ranked European team in the tournament.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Jason Muzzatti '87** played for the Buzzers in 1984-86 and then went on to play for Michigan State University. He was Calgary's first draft pick in 1988 and played for Canada's National Team in 1992-93. Jason began his NHL career in 1993 and retired in 1998. Currently, he is the coach of the Flint Generals of the International Hockey League.

### 1990's

**Paul Capizzano '91** - after playing for the Buzzers, Paul went on to play hockey for Mercyhurst College in Erie Pa. He is now a hockey player's agent with *M Five Sports*. His brother **Marco '96** played for the Buzzers in 1996-97 and went to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he also played for the varsity hockey team. After graduation from U of W he furthered his studies and is now a certified Chiropractor practicing at the *Royal York Chiropractic* in Etobicoke.

**Alan McDermott '92**, son of **Barry '61**, is employed in the Toronto Head Office of *DundeeWealth* as Director of Compliance. He is married to Jessica and has two daughters, Jenna and Sydney.

**John "Janez" Jakopin '93** played for the Buzzers in 1992-93. After attending Merrimack College in Boston, he was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings and went on to play for Florida, Pittsburgh and San Jose in the NHL. John writes that after "retiring from hockey in my homeland of Slovenia in 2005, I returned to South Florida where I had met Melissa, my wife, while I was playing for the Florida Panthers." John now resides in Miami, Florida with his wife and infant son, Luka. He works for *Metronic Spinal Biologics Inc.* and is involved in facilitating surgical hardware needed in spine surgeries. John also works closely with the Florida Panthers Alumni Association. His father, **Leo '76**, is also a proud St. Mike's grad.



**Matt Thomas '94** after two years with the Buzzers in 1992-94, he played hockey and graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology. For the last five years he has coached in the East Coast Hockey League and is currently coaching the Stockton Thunder, (California) in the E.C.H.L. In five years of coaching, he has a 166-78 record.

**Robert Paterson '00**, on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, helped Team BMW Oracle Racing win the 33rd America's Cup, an award given to the winner of the America's Cup sailing regatta match. As a member of the Shore Team, Paterson and two other Canadian sailors were in charge of the giant 100 ft. fixed wing sailboat. This included many

nights of 'babysitting' the massive Triamaran while it was moored off shore. Paterson has been actively involved in racing at an international level since graduating from St. Mike's. He was a member of the Canadian National Sailing Team and holds numerous national titles in various classes of sailboats. To view photos of the BMW Oracle please visit the SMCS website.

### 2000's

**Christopher Sullivan '01** is in sales at *Conair Consumer Products Inc.* and lives in Toronto. He along with **Frank Lamie '98**, **Graham Walsh '97** are Captains in the Army Reserve serving with the Toronto Scottish Regiment.

**Ben Higgs '03**, received his B.E.Sc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Western Ontario in 2007 and is now working towards his certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, evaluating and fitting individuals with disabilities with assistive bracing devices and limbs. To do so he attended a post-graduate year in orthotics in Hartford, Connecticut. He is currently in Florida continuing his studies and training.

**Jamie Coghlan '03** is son of Jim and uncle of Mike, (SMCS teachers). After playing for the Buzzers in 2003, he went to Mercyhurst College on a hockey scholarship and now plays for the Cincinnati Cyclones in the East Coast Hockey League.



**Justin Di Donato '08**, is on the Dean's list in his second year of Pre-Meds at the University of Miami. He is presently working on a Primate Research Project. While at St. Mike's, Justin played for the senior hockey team and then Jr. A with the Vaughan Vipers. Now he's ripping up the ice in a Miami's men's league and is known as "the kid from Canada", says his proud dad, **Nick Di Dinato '76** and younger brother, **Luca '11**. He keeps in touch with classmates, **Louis Luciani**, **Andrew Moretti**, and **Ricky Liorti** who are attending the University of Western Ontario.

**Eric Pitre '09**, as a member of the Western Mustangs Lacrosse Team was named as an All-Canadian by the Canadian Field Cross Association. In his freshman year, Eric led Western's league leading defense to a 5-7 GAA. As a former two-year captain for the St. Michael's Blue Gales, the Social Sciences student has also been selected to the U-19 Team Ontario. Eric plays with **Chris Paolini '09** and **Alan Bartholome-Brown '09** as members of the Western squad.



# In Memoriam

## 1940's

**Ray LaForest '45; Dan Rope '49.**

## 1950's

**Dr. Frank Zingrone '52; Paul Joseph Martin '52; Paul McGarry '52; Ray Ferracutti '52; John Peter LeVay '55; Joe Walsh '57**, faithful supporter of Balmy Beach Club reunions;

**Leo McGuigan '53** Q.C. Knight of the Holy Sepulchre (KHS), was a proud alumnus of St. Michael's College School, the University of St. Michael's College and Osgood Hall. Called to the Bar in 1960 he was a highly skilled litigator and enjoyed a long and successful legal career including service as the Crown Attorney for the Central West Region. He was well known and proud of his legacy and his passionate dedication to the education mentorship programme. Leo was a devote member of St. Martin of Tour Parish and KHS. He leaves his wife Dorothy, his children, Paul (Rhonda), Maureen (Daryl), Joanna (Dave), and grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered and missed by those classmates and friends who attend **Gene Cuccia's '54** annual golf tournament.

**Eugene Amaro '54** tenor saxophonist, alto saxophonist, and flutist, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, in his 74th year. Eugene, a popular jazz musician was leader of his own Eugene Amaro Quartet, and long-time member of Rob McConnell and The Boss Brass. He also co-led the Sam Noto/Eugene Amaro Quintet, and performed with the Ron Rully Sextet and Ian McDougall's Dectet in "Sound of Toronto Jazz" Concerts. His name is synonymous with the golden age of big band jazz in Canada and he worked with Benny Goodman. He leaves his life partner, Halena, daughter Colette, niece, Justine and brother, **Jimmy '55**.

## 1960's

**Owen Chambers '61**, brother of **Graham '55** (deceased), **Doug '58** (deceased) and brother in law of **Brian Flanagan '54** (deceased)

## 1970's

**John 'Jack' Quigley '70**, husband of Wanda Drapala-Quigley, teacher at SMCS.

## 1990's

**Gian Pietro Pasquali '99**

## Friends of St. Michael's

Paul Azzopardi, grandfather of **Paul John Azzopardi '13**; Leona Marie O'Reilly, mother of Wayne, former teacher at SMCS; Donald Campbell grandfather of **Zachary Campbell '14**; Elena Rosetti Crisostomo aunt of **Gianluca Canaletti '12**; Eileen Quinn, mother of Michael, teacher at SMCS; Bruna Odorico, mother of **Dan '78**, grandmother of **Christan '12**; Carlos Tan uncle of **Peter Dyloco '12**; Lillian Blaik, grandmother of Dan Blaik, teacher at SMCS; Filomena Cogliano, grandmother of **Andrew '05** and mother of Carmen, GM of the St. Michael's Buzzers; Mary Rosettis, mother of **Al Rosettis '58**; Stanley Matthew Deluce, father of **Bill '67, Robert '68, Terry '69, Joe '72, Jim '74, Bruce '74**, Bernard, Gwendolyn Randall Pineault, Marie Marshall, and grandfather to 30 grandchildren; Margaret Mary Wigglesworth, sister of **Paul '91** and **Leo '56**; Olga Miras, mother of Michael Miras, SMCS staff; Aristides Doumouras, grandfather of **Ari '05**; Rosanna Frasca, wife of **Dominic '69**; Josephine Covelli, mother-in-law of **John Nelligan '55**; Edward Jursa, brother of John, **Joe '53**, and **Emil '56**; **William David Sheehan**, father of **Michael '51** and **Dennis '55**; Carol Wells, mother of **Barton '94**; Assunta Cozza, grandmother of **Stephan Cozza '10**.

*The St. Michael's community is saddened by the passing of all alumni and friends. We strive to publish all death notices as soon as we receive them and make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our obituaries. Please help us keep your loved ones in the school's prayers by sending information to the Office of Advancement at [advancement@smcsmail.com](mailto:advancement@smcsmail.com) or phone 416-653-3180 x 458.*

# Around St. Mike's

A number of our graduates and sport teams have been in the news this past year. Here are a few highlights.

## Blessed Sacrament Parish Hockey House League and St. Michael's Celebrate 50 Years

### *Chris Bingham '83*

Every Saturday morning for the past 50 years the Blessed Sacrament Hockey Association (BSHA) has been providing countless young people and families an opportunity to socialize learn and compete in Canada's great game. **Chris Bingham '83**, League Convenor and Skills Instructor says, "the league has provided the start of many long and happy hockey careers, including my own. Many executive members, referees, game officials and timekeepers are current and former students. Together, they provide an interesting and active dialogue on volunteerism and the rewards that come with it." Current BSHA executive members include: Paul Sidwell, President, whose son **Graham '15** is a referee; **Chris Bingham** whose son, **Brendan '15** is a linesman and daughter, Caitlin, is a player and timekeeper. The registrar, Marieanne Eaves, is the wife of **Nick Eaves '84**, and **Matt Byrnes '91**, is Head of Officiating and a Skills Instructor. His children, Becca and Griffin, are both timekeepers. **Brian Dominique '77** runs the very popular Learn to Play Programme. **Josh Colle '92** is a Learn to Play Instructor and the Treasurer, Bruce Turner's son, **Brady '15** is a game official. From its earliest roots as youth recreation after Sunday mass in the 1960's, BSHA is, and has always been, run entirely by volunteers. From 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., October to April, you can find close to 400 eager players from age 4 -11 giving their all on the ice. We are very grateful to St. Michael's and especially **Robert Tunney '81** and the Arena staff for their past and continued support. Visit our website at [www.bsha.ca](http://www.bsha.ca).

## Trivia

The first NHL Entry Draft took place in 1963 and one of the first of two players chosen in that draft was **Gary Monahan '64** taken 1st overall by the Montreal Canadians. Gary went on to play 12 years in the NHL, finishing his career with a three-year stint in Japan. Gary now lives in Vancouver. **Pat Monahan '63**, former SMCS teacher, played for the Buzzers and the OHL Barrie Colts. **Peter Mahovlich '63** was chosen 2nd overall by the Detroit Red Wings and went on to a 16 year career in the NHL. He played four years in Montreal with his brother, **Senator Frank Mahovlich '57**. Peter now scouts for the Atlanta Thrashers.

Since 1917, 36 SMCS players have won 98 Stanley Cup rings.

Hall of Famer, **Red Kelly '47**, leads all SMCS players with eight Stanley Cup rings.

**Gary Smith '63**, got the nick-name 'suitcase' because he played for nine NHL teams over a span of 15 years.

Hall of Famer, **Ted Lindsay '45**, 85 years young, still has a locker in the Detroit Red Wings dressing room where he regularly works out.

**Billy Carroll '78**, played eight seasons in the NHL but still managed to win four Stanley Cup rings. His sons, Marcus, plays for the Owen Sound Attack in the OHL, and Matt, has just finished playing three years for the Toronto Rock Lacrosse team. His nephews, Boon Jenner, plays for the Oshawa Generals and Leo is with the Plymouth Whalers.

2010 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arena built in Nov. 7, 1960.

This year, 2010 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the St. Michael's College School school year book.





Fr. Joe Redican C.S.B., Larry Schmidt '61, Dan Prendergast

## Skate for Kids and St. Michael's Support Columbian School

In 2005, [Larry Schmidt '61](#), along with five Basilians and friends joined [Fr. Bob Holmes '55, C.S.B.](#) on a Beatitudes Pilgrimage to Columbia. They visited Basilian houses in Bogota, Cali and Medellin. Larry and the other pilgrims were particularly impressed by Institute Nostra SeZorade la Asuncion (INSA), a school run by the Basilians located in one of the poorest and most violent barrios in Cali. When he learned that the tuition, the equivalent of CN\$750, is well beyond the reach of many of the families, Larry promised Fr. Raphael Lopera C.S.B., the Basilian Principal of the school, that he and fellow graduates would help to educate the students and alumni of St. Michael's College School about the tremendous challenges faced by the families in Cali.

Since then, under the direction of Fr. Joseph Redican C.S.B., a Social Justice Committee has been established to aid the Basilians to continue their marvelous work by raising scholarship money for the neediest students of INSA. Members of the committee include: [Lawrence Dalcin '56](#), [Vincent Murphy '62](#), [Joseph Pastor '62](#), David Smyth (former SMCS teacher), [Rob Miehme '87](#) and [Larry](#). The committee helped with Dan Prendergast's very successful *Skate for Kids* event in 2009. Dan and Fr. Redican, C.S.B. are seen here presenting a cheque for \$10,000 to [Larry](#) for the children in Cali.

## Lacrosse

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, the top 55 lacrosse players in the country descended on the Eugene Melnyk Sports Field for the final selection camp for Team Canada's campaign at the 2010 World Field Lacrosse Championships in June, in Manchester, England. Three St. Michael's candidates, all former Blue Gaels captains were selected to the final 30-man roster. [Kevin Ross '03](#), [Angus Dineley '03](#) and [Ryan McClelland '06](#) were selected to attack, goalie and midfield positions respectively. St. Michael's wishes this group the best as they move forward in representing Canada and our school on the international stage.

## Archives

Since 1852, St. Michael's has produced many published authors with a diverse range of works in academic studies, fiction, plays, poems, children's books, etc. The archives along with the Odette Library are attempting to collect a copy of every book published by an alumnus or staff member with a view to preserve and showcase these important achievements for present and future students. If you are a published author or know of an alumnus or staff member who is (or was published and is now deceased) please contact Richard McQuade, Director of Archives, at [mcquade@smcsmail.com](mailto:mcquade@smcsmail.com) or by phone 416-653-3180 x457.

We recently received:

- a copy of [John Levay's '52](#) (deceased) *Margaret Anglia, A Stage Life*.
- a copy of [John Lofranco's '96](#), (former runner) *Aerobic Capacity*, a collection of poems on running.



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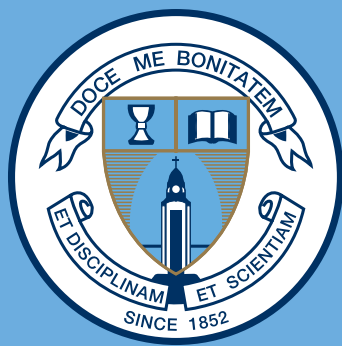
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